



BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the Regular Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, April 19, 2007

The regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, April 19, 2007, at 3:00 p.m., at the Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien, Rm. 328-A, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Jim Holley
Mohamed Okdie
Willie Hampton **(ABS)**
Arthur Blackwell II
Erminia Ramirez

Department Personnel Present

Chief Ella M. Bully-Cummings
AC Robert Dunlap
DC Ralph Godbee
Cmdr. Fredrick McClure
Lt. James White
Lt. Darwin Roche
Sgt. Brian Harris
Sgt. Dwight Snodgrass
Sgt. Karen Fairley
Sgt. Romel Alexander
Sgt. Steven Myles
PO Sophia Nelms
PO Tam Harris-Hardy
PO Mario Neal

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director **(ABS)**
Lawana Ducker, Personnel Director
Denise R. Hooks, Attorney/Supervising Investigator **(ABS)**
Arnold Sheard, Interim Chief Investigator
Leslie J. Griffin, Community Relations Coordinator
PO Kent Cooper

OTHERS

Media
Trish Cunningham
Ron Scott
Edmond James

RECORDERS

Terence Bell
Robert Brown

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Holley called the regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:19 p.m.

Chairperson Holley acknowledged the presence of staff.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Thursday, April 19, 2007

MOTION: **Comm. Okdie** made the motion to approve the Agenda.

SECOND: **Comm. Blackwell** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Thursday, April 12, 2007

MOTION: **Comm. Okdie** made the motion to approve the Minutes.

SECOND: **Comm. Blackwell** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

4. BOPC OFFICER'S REPORT

1. SECRETARY'S REPORT

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

	<u>This Week</u>		<u>Year to Date</u>
2007 - Weekly Count of Complaints:	41	22% Increase	467
2006 - Weekly Count of Complaints:	32	18% Increase	381

- The Office of the Chief Investigator (OCI) closed a total of 255 cases for the month of March.
- The Office of the Chief Investigator submitted 7 cases to the Chief's Office for the month of March.
- The Office of the Chief Investigator has a total of 1,996 active investigations, of which 467 of those are for 2007.

TOTAL WEEKLY ALLEGATIONS

ARREST	0
DEMEANOR	23
FORCE	3
ENTRY	0
HARASSMENT	2
PROCEDURE	15
PROPERTY	3
SEARCH	0
SERVICE	13

TOTAL 59

COMMANDS

UNKNOWN	16
COMM/OPS	4
SW. DIST	1
CENT. DIST	2
EAST. DIST	4
WEST. DIST.	5
NW DIST.	5
TACTICAL	0
NARCOTICS	0
GANG SQUAD	2
HOMICIDE	0
NE. DIST	0

TOTAL 41

5. REPORT/PRESENTATION-CHIEF OF POLICE

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SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS



Narcotics/Gang Enforcement

During the period of April 9, 2007 through April 15, 2007, **Narcotics/Gang Enforcement executed 58 search warrants and 26 street enforcement actions** within the boundaries of the city of Detroit, resulting in the following arrests and confiscations:

- 47 Felony arrests
 - 140 Misdemeanor arrests
 - 1 Juvenile detained
 - 346.76 grams of cocaine, 19.5 grams of heroin and 39,755.10 grams of marijuana and 3 pills with a total street value:
 - \$ 332,838.40
 - \$ 139,209.00 in U.S. Currency
- Confiscated:
- 28 Handguns

Police Community Services

In an effort to help children to have a safer and brighter future, on April 10th and April 13th, officers of the Police Community Services conducted Stranger Danger and Drug Safety Awareness Presentations at local Detroit elementary schools.



"BUILDING A SAFER DETROIT THROUGH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS"

Detroit Police Department

Report to the Board of Police Commissioners

The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.



Engaging the Community

ATTENTION	Location	Hours of Operation	Telephone
Citizens wishing to make a police report may do so at the Districts in the city of Detroit. Citizens may also utilize the following District Sub-Stations to make reports.	2151 E. Jefferson	24 Hours	596-6400
	7737 Kercheval	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	852-4778
	13206 E. Jefferson	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	852-5759
	19810 Grand River	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	935-5322
	13530 Lesure	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	596-5300
	12000 Livernois	24 Hours	237-2555

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Special points of interest:

• Next meeting:

Thursday, April 26, 2007
@ 3:00 P.M.

DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT
1300 BEAUBIEN ST, SUITE 328-A
DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48226

Police / Community Intervention

APRIL 19, 2007



Central District

On April 12th, officers assigned to the Central District responded to the 1000 block of Selden on "Malicious Destruction of Property." Subsequent to their investigation, an individual was arrested and charged with "Larceny in Building," "Attempt Breaking and Entering Coin Device," "Malicious Destruction of Property," and "Habitual 4th."

Investigative Operations

On April 10th, Investigative Operations were on surveillance in the Western District on Operations C.A.T.S. (Cut Auto Theft Statistics). As a result of their investigation and execution of a search warrant, an individual was arrested and charged with "Chop Shop," "Receiving & Concealing Stolen Property Motor Vehicle," "Altering Vehicle Identification Number with Intent," "Possession of Vehicle Identification Number," "Possession of Federal Sticker," "Felon in Possession," "Felony Firearm," "Motor Vehicle Advisory," and "Habitual 4th."



Northwestern District

On April 12th, officers of the Northwestern District received information that an individual was in violation of the controlled substance act, in the area of 7 Mile Rd. and Telegraph. As a result of their investigation, a subject was arrested and charged with "Felony Firearm," "Felon in Possession," "Felony Firearms," and "Habitual 4th."



Western District

On April 12th, officers assigned to the Western District responded to the 8000 block of W. McNichols on an "Armed Robbery." The complainant gave a detailed description of the subject, which led to the arrest of the subject who was charged with "Armed Robbery," "Felon in Possession," "Felony Firearm," and "Carrying a Concealed Weapon," and "Habitual 4th."



Chief Bully-Cummings introduced AC Dunlap of Operations Portfolio.

She stated about an hour ago units from the Northwestern District responded to a home in the 14000 block of Archdale of a retired officer who died from a self-inflicted wound.

Chairperson Holley asked for a moment of silence.

AC Dunlap introduced his staff and will be giving the presentation on Operations Portfolio.

(SEE ATTACHMENT)

Comm. Ramirez asked how many personnel the FAST Team consists of.

AC Dunlap stated about seventeen (17) members.

Comm. Blackwell asked based on the Department of Correction's closing of facilities will that have any impact on the department.

AC Dunlap stated yes, it will have an impact on their workload. The Chief and the Mayor have been trying to find out the exact amount that will be released in the City. They have an average of 300 per month that will be released back to the City.

Chairperson Holley asked how long has the release been going on.

AC Dunlap stated for a while.

Chairperson Holley asked how does the City maintain the same population if you have 300 coming back every month. It seems like those statistics will have some affect on crime and unemployment.

AC Dunlap stated you have to look at how well the released are being tracked back into the community. They may be released or paroled to a City address, but often they find that they aren't residing at that same address. That may have something to do with the census numbers because they are hard to locate.

Comm. Blackwell stated his concern is the people that are arrested or detained for lockup. What will happen to them because of the limited amount of jail space? The profiles of the releases are supposed to be non-violent. In minor drug offenses, they are being picked up and let back out.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated the Mayor and his Cabinet went to Lansing to have a meeting with the Governor and her Cabinet. Right now no one knows what is going on. There is bad information out there on how many will be released. There is no communication going on and she has requested a meeting with the Department of Corrections to see how many people will be paroled back to the City of Detroit. She was told there will not be an overwhelming number; and they will be added to the daily numbers that is released to the City. The number that they received from Dana Moore from the regional office was 580 to Wayne County. Out of that number, she could not tell her how many will be released to the City. There are at least five (5) zip codes where parolees are normally released to. They are looking to release people with medical ailments that have been past over by the Parole Board. Even though they had reached their time she asked why they were passed over. They don't know what type of resources will be available for the parolees. As soon as she gets some firm information, she will bring it back to this Board.

Comm. Blackwell stated earlier the Chief mentioned a potential self-inflicting wound by a retired police officer. Earlier this year there was another incident involving an officer who killed his spouse and then himself. Are they giving up on themselves or is the department ignoring the warning signs. He stated if regular citizens are seeing police officers taking their own life, what are they to think. Is there something else the department needs to be doing to head this off because it really concerns him? Everyone talks about 911 and how the country was caught off guard, but the reality is there were signs that the intelligence had. He asked is the department putting themselves in a bad situation because you feel like this is an isolated situation. The summer is coming along with high unemployment really concerns him.

AC Dunlap stated one thing for sure is that the department has to do all of what they can do and never give up. There are some things that happened to the officer today that can't be made public that contributed to his actions and to the other officer who took his wife and his own life. There were some indicators of the officer who took his life and his wife's life. He had turned down a promotion to the rank of Sergeant. He sat down with this officer to find out what the problem was. One of the most significant promotions is you first one to the supervisory rank. He had a talk with this officer and there were no signs of him being emotionally challenged that would result in him taking his life. The officer was very positive and proud of his accomplishments. He stated the officer was proud of his degree from the University of Michigan and when the next test comes he will be at the top of that list. Not once did he share anything that was negative or that would have made me believe that the officer needed counseling. There is a system (IMAS) within the department that the supervisors use to monitor the activity and the behavior of their officers, which documents their good work and their bad work. After a certain amount of events, the IMAS triggers a signal to the supervisor that a counseling session is needed for that officer. A few weeks ago some supervisors were counseled for

their abusive sick time. Their union was challenging the counseling process and filed a grievance. The supervisor's attendance was held up because he could not believe on the department rights to provide counseling to them. He challenged the union because he felt like they had an obligation to its members. There are some things in place but sometime it's hard to predict what going on inside that person.

Chairperson Holley stated maybe at a later date the department can share what precautions are in place for the two universities in Detroit.

AC Dunlap asked are you talking about the emergency that happened at Virginia Tech.

Chairperson Holley stated yes.

AC Dunlap stated certainly.

Chairperson Holley stated the Board would like to know if there is something in place.

AC Dunlap stated yes an emergency response plan.

Chairperson Holley stated maybe you could do a presentation.

AC Dunlap stated yes, and he doesn't want to lose site, but Michigan has the worst economy in the US.

Chairperson Holley asked if was a situation like Virginia Tech they would use the special response team.

AC Dunlap stated yes, it would be coordinated with the university and the police department.

Chairperson Holley asked that AC Dunlap and the department perform a dry run.

AC Dunlap stated yes.

Chairperson Holley asked is it done with Canada too.

AC Dunlap stated yes, there's a plan is ready to go.

Chairperson Holley stated the half million dollars you mentioned came from the Forfeiture Fund.

AC Dunlap stated correct.

Comm. Ramirez asked were the detained juveniles under the age of sixteen (16).

AC Dunlap stated yes.

Comm. Ramirez stated were the parents held accountable.

AC Dunlap stated yes, the department received the mandate from the Chief some time ago.

Comm. Blackwell asked does the cocaine consist of grams and powder.

AC Dunlap stated yes.

Comm. Blackwell asked is there any way to break that number down.

AC Dunlap stated speaking from experience, most of the cocaine in the City is crack cocaine because it is not as expensive as the powder cocaine.

Comm. Blackwell stated because it isn't real cocaine.

AC Dunlap stated that's correct, but those numbers might include kilos of cocaine. He can probably do a break out of how many uncut kilos.

Comm. Blackwell stated sometimes the community doesn't always understand drugs that are seized are not always intended for Detroit. A lot of time they are from outside of the City. He stated it is important that the people understand that the department is fighting a war on drugs and the President of the US isn't doing anything about it. The community needs to be educated to understand the drugs in their community aren't by accident. He did not believe it but there are some kids of influential parents that do all kind of things and will not be put into the justice system as opposed to the inner city kids. As policy maker this needs to be talked about in the proper context. A lot of people who buy drugs, and most of the Johns don't live in Detroit, but it will always show up on the crime statistics.

AC Dunlap stated he can break it out and get back with the Board.

Chairperson Holley asked how many people are on your staff.

AC Dunlap stated he have eight (8) people on his staff.

Chairperson Holley stated you showed who is over the Districts, but has it be rolled out to the community so they can put a face with that district.

AC Dunlap stated at all of the police community relations meeting they get a chance to meet their Deputy Chief and Commanders.

Chairperson Holley asked has it been put in the newspapers.

Comm. Ramirez stated the communities had a one-to-one with the Deputy Chiefs of their district.

AC Dunlap stated he forgot to mention that, but that is another avenue for the community.

Chairperson Holley stated that the newspapers such as the Chronicles, Michigan Citizen, and the Front Page reach about 180,000 people.

AC Dunlap stated your point is well taken and he will look into that.

Comm. Ramirez stated she was very impressed with one-to-one with the Deputy Chiefs and she hope it is done more.

AC Dunlap stated they would be doing this at least three times a year as a result of the Mayor's one-to-one.

Comm. Ramirez asked can the commissioners get the schedules for those.

AC Dunlap stated yes.

6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

7. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

8. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, April 26, 2007 @ 3:00 p.m.
Police Headquarters
1300 Beaubien Rm. 328-A
Detroit, MI 48226

10. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

E. James stated he is the Principal of Detroit Academy of Arts and Science and would like to know if the school can get a patrol car during dismissal, or how can the school access the services of the Detroit Police Department.

Comm. Blackwell asked doesn't the school have its own security.

E. James stated yes, but if the calls for a police to come to the scene, the timing is the biggest issue.

Comm. Blackwell stated the Sheriff's or the police department was at one point trying to provide security for the school system.

E. James stated because they are a charter school they don't fall under the same guidelines.

Comm. Blackwell stated you have your own money.

E. James stated yes.

Comm. Blackwell stated you can pay for car service.

E. James stated if that's what they have to do.

Comm. Blackwell stated everyone wants police protection at every school, but the department can no longer provide that service for free. You should be able to sit down with the department to discuss those fees.

Chairperson Holley stated the charter school system doesn't have the power to arrest.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated she swore in 60 public safety officers to relive the department of that responsibility along with the 300 security guards. They currently have a proposal that is pending with the Detroit Public Schools (DPS). The department has requested some additional information to deploy Gang Squad outside the schools. Until the school signs off on the understanding memorandum, she can't have a car sit at the schools.

E. James stated that would not affect them because they are a charter school.

Chairperson Holley stated they don't have the budget that DPS has. There is security on the inside, but not on the outside. He asked if the service can be purchased.

E. James asked is there a way for them to have sworn officers.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated there is legislation that designates who can create a law enforcement agency. There was some specific legislation passed for DPS to create it. The department currently has a proposal in front of City Council that will allow business to purchase the service of Detroit Police Department with the officers being in full uniform with a marked patrol unit. Once Council passes that, you will the opportunity to purchase the department service.

Chairperson Holley asked in the mean time, can they have a car to come by the school.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated that AC Dunlap will get with Mr. James but a scout car will not be assigned there. She will place the school on special attention and have a car to cruse through along with Gang Squad.

E. James asked if it is turned down can he come back to appeal.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated once City Council approves the proposal, you will be sent a letter to access that service.

R. Scott stated would like to know if he can get a copy of the secondary employment proposal, because he would like to know the parameters of it.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners

DLG/rb